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Gnegy Church and cemetery  
Redhouse  
Private

1886 or 1887

Gnegy Church, constructed in 1886 or 1887, was named for Samuel Gnegy, leader of the Holdeman Mennonites, a sect of the Amish Church.

Samuel Gnegy is buried in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gnegy Church and cemetery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 219, .1 mi. NE of WV State line.

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gnegy Church and cemetery is located on the W side of Rt. 219, .1 mile NE of the WV State line. The church is a one story, one bay by three bay plank constructed structure. It has weatherboard siding with cornerboards and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The facade has a central entrance and faces SE towards Rt. 219. There is a plain wood porch with a tongue and groove floor at the entrance. There is a one story bay addition with two windows forming the apse of the church on the NW elevation. The church rests on a very low stone foundation; the bay is supported by wood piers concealed by horizontal wood planks. All windows are two over two sash and have wood shutters with original hinges. An exterior brick chimney is on the SW elevation.

Interior: the church is entered at the SE facade into one room with a central aisle. The apse is at the opposite end of the room from the entrance and is raised from the floor by one step. The interior is very plain; walls are lath and plaster painted lime green. There are white baseboards and plain board window surrounds. In several sections the lath and plaster have been removed exposing the plank wall construction. The plaster from the ceiling has also been removed exposing the wood beams. A wood hymnal box located on the N side of the NW wall bears the date October 26, 1889.

The cemetery is located just NE of the church at the SW corner of the intersection of Rt. 219 and Gnegy Church--Old Oak Road. It is a small cemetery and the earliest tombstone bears this inscription: Samuel Gnegy, Jr./April 24, 1865/January 9, 1894.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1886 or 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gnegy Church, constructed in 1886 or 1887, was named for Samuel<sup>1</sup> Gnegy, leader of the Holdeman Mennonites, a sect of the Amish Church.

It is typical of small rural Garrett County churches constructed by Amish and Mennonite congregations--a plain, frame, 1-story, one bay by three bay gable end facade structure. The vertical plank construction is a common form of late 19th and early 20th century building construction used in Garrett County.

Samuel Gnegy was born near Myersdale, PA in 1830. He moved to Brookside, VA (WV) in 1852 and to Maryland in 1856. He settled on the Covent Garden tract (124 acres), near the present site of the church. Sometime prior to the construction of Gnegy Church, Samuel Gnegy and others broke from the Amish Church and organized the Holdeman Mennonite sect.<sup>2</sup>

The church has also been known as the Gnegy-Slabaugh Church, because of its close association with both families. It served a Mennonite congregation until 1950. At present, it is used marginally for special occasions, such as the Gnegy family reunions.

Gnegy Church has become the place name for this section of Garrett County.

<sup>1</sup>The Glades Star, Vol. 2, No. 16, Oakland, MD: The Garrett County Historical Society, Sept. 1954, p. 246.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

In John A. Hostetler's Amish Society, he writes in the mid-1970s that the Holdeman sect was founded over one-hundred years ago. (p. 288).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hostetler, John A., Amish Society, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1980 (third edition).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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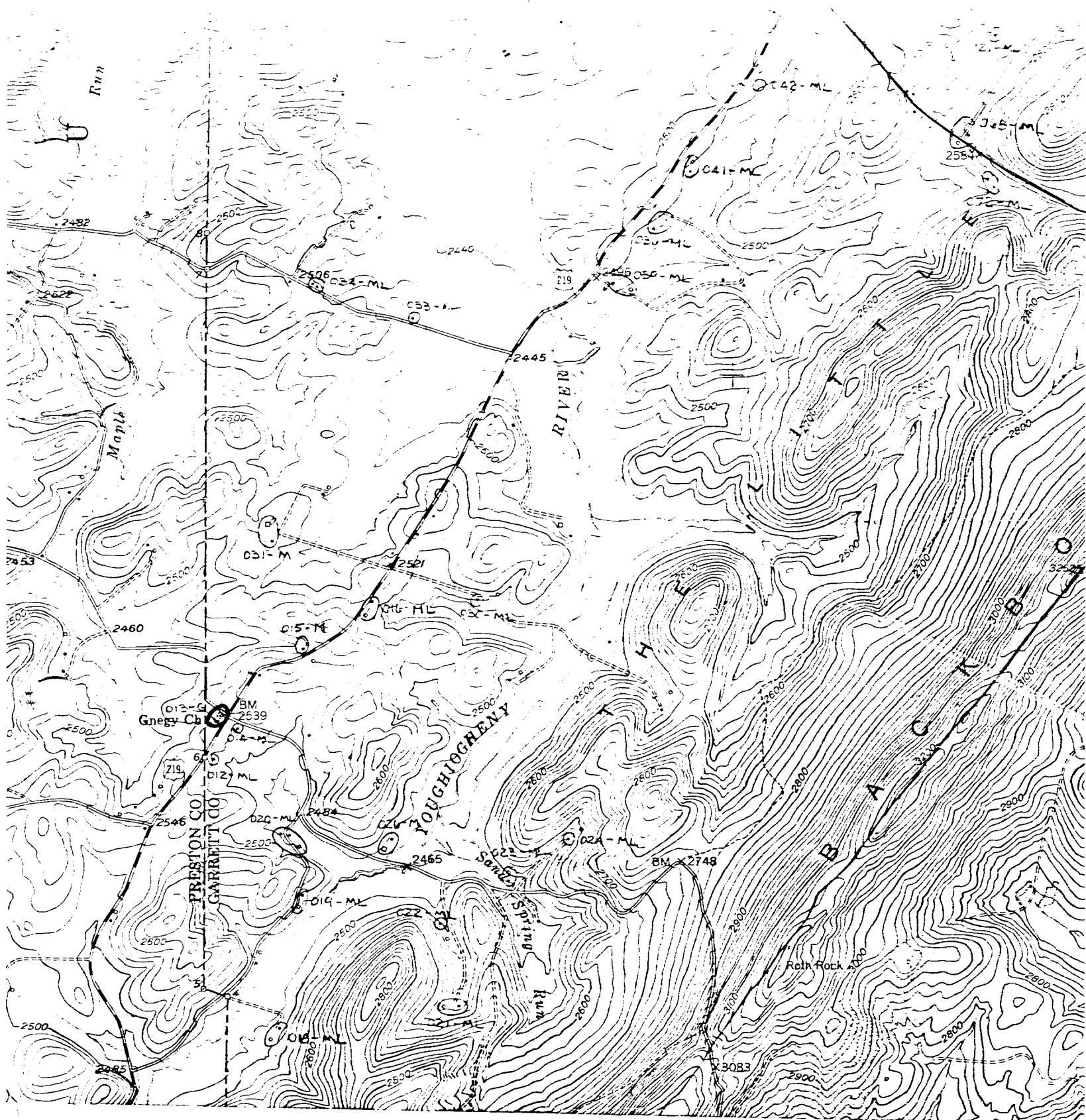


Table Rock, MD; WV  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Route 219, 1 mile NE. of WV State  
 line,



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GNEBY CHURCH, near Redhouse





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Gnegy Church  
Garrett Co., MD  
A. Burns 8/18/80  
NW elev.

FIGURE 187



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Gnegy Church

Garrett Co., MD

A. Burns 8/18/80

NE elev.